

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract on page 38:

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[[The]] A digital camera having a taking lens, a finder for viewing light transmitted through the taking lens, an image sensing element for optoelectrically converting light which passes through the taking lens, a light ~~splitting means~~ splitter capable of changing transmittance and dividing the light transmitted through the taking lens to the image sensing element and the finder, a light ~~splitting means driving means~~ splitter driver for driving the light ~~splitting means~~ splitter to a position to split the light between the image sensing element and the viewfinder when viewing and driving the light ~~splitting means~~ splitter to retract a position for directing the light only to the image sensing element during photography, and a ~~control means~~ controller for controlling the light ~~splitting means~~ splitter to a semi-transparent state to direct light to the image sensing element and the viewfinder when viewing and controlling the light ~~splitting means~~ splitter to a blocking state during photography.